

## 50-year history of Rome's research published

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ROME, N.Y. — A 324-page history of Air Force research and development at Rome was published this month by The Edwin Mellen Press of Lewiston, N.Y.

"The Fifty-Year Role of the United States Air Force in Advancing Information Technology - A History of the Rome, New York, Ground Electronics Laboratory" is the work of Dr. Thomas W. Thompson, historian for the Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate.

"The book surveys the history of the Information Directorate and its predecessor organizations, Rome Laboratory and Rome Air Development Center (RADC), since the establishment at Griffiss Air Force Base in 1951," Dr. Thompson said. "It also details the early history of military electronics research and development that eventually laid the foundations for Air Force research in Rome."

Separate chapters outline major areas of technology research and development during the first half century of operations in

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